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DEAR GUESTS

We wish you a comfortable stay in Washington D.C., one of Sofitel's luxury addresses, and a symbol of French elegance around the world. This letter presents the program of the month at Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square. We are delighted to recommend some fantastic local events related to Sofitel Art de vivre: culture, design and gastronomy. Please feel free to contact our dedicated concierge team.

Cynthia VAN ZANDT,
Chef Concierge



SOFITEL WINE DAYS IS BACK!

Through October 31st, discover manifique wines at Sofitel. Enjoy our wine pairing dinner menu featuring savory creations by our executive chef Gyo Santa and wines provided by select wine partners. On October 12th, dine with wine maker Alexandra Berthet Rayne at iCi Urban Bistro. For more menus and tickets, visit sofitel-washington-dc.com/happenings/

Lastly, plan a day trip and explore Virginia and Maryland's amazing vineyards where you can find great wine, gorgeous views, and enjoy a fun day in the country. Learn more at www.washingtonian.com

BEYOND THE LITTLE BLACK DRESS

EMBASSY OF FRANCE
October 7, 2017

The Annual Fashion Show is back for its third edition! The event will be featuring the designs of 4 of the top students of the International Academy of Fashion in Paris, France as well as a Parisian designer, Stéphane Koerwyn, who was inspired to make dresses out of aluminum after years of working as an executive at a famous multi-national soft drink company. For more information and tickets, visit beyondthelittleblackdress.com



17TH STREET HIGH HEEL RACE

DUPONT CIRCLE
October 24, 2017

Thousands of spectators flock to Dupont Circle to watch costumed drag queens show off their elaborate outfits and run for the crown. Less of a race and more of a beauty pageant, it occurs along 17th Street, between P Street and S Street NW. The race is a free activity starting at 9pm, however the diverse crowds typically start to form as early as 6pm. Get there early to ensure you have a good view of the festivities!

For information, visit www.capitalpride.org



TASTE OF DC 2017

RFK STADIUM GROUNDS
October 7-8, 2017

Taste of DC is a premier food festival in Washington, D.C. featuring tastings from more than 65 of DC's best restaurants, food trucks, caterers and purveyors, an Oktoberfest celebration with German beers and authentic fare and a Wine Walk with more than 50 wines. The event has a Kids Zone with interactive games and entertainment, and demonstrations from local chefs cooking up their favorite recipes. For information and admission, visit www.thetasteofdc.org



FANTASTIC FALL FOLIAGE IN DC

VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The changing of the seasons in DC is an Instagrammer's dream. The National Mall is a top-notch foliage spot, and while it is beautiful in any season, there is something special about experiencing the monuments and memorials surrounded by brilliant auburn and yellow hues. Rock Creek Park, one of the largest urban parks in the country, is another great place to experience DC's autumn vibes. For more information, visit washington.org





VERMEER AND THE MASTERS OF GENRE PAINTING: INSPIRATION AND RIVALRY
OPENS OCTOBER 22, 2017

This landmark exhibition at the National Gallery of Art examines the artistic exchanges among Johannes Vermeer and his contemporaries from 1650 to 1675, when they reached the height of their technical ability and mastery of depictions of domestic life. The exhibition brings together some 65 works by Vermeer and his fellow painters of the Dutch Golden Age, including Gerard ter Borch, Gerrit Dou, Pieter de Hooch, Gabriel Metsu, Frans van Mieris, Caspar Netscher, and Jan Steen.

Juxtaposing paintings related by theme, composition, and technique, the exhibition explores how these artists inspired, rivaled, surpassed, and pushed each other to greater artistic achievement. The paintings also reflect how these masters responded to the changing artistic climate of the Dutch Republic in the third quarter of the 17th century, particularly in Amsterdam, Delft, Leiden, and The Hague. The exhibition features 10 paintings by Vermeer (many of which have not been seen in the United States since the Gallery's legendary 1995-1996 exhibition Johannes Vermeer), including *The Lacemaker* (c. 1669-1670, Musée du Louvre, Paris) and *The Love Letter* (c. 1669-1670, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam). A fully illustrated catalog features essays by the curators and essays and entries by a team of international scholars. Admission is free. For more information, visit <https://www.nga.gov/exhibitions/2017/vermeer-and-the-masters-of-genre-painting.html>

BOO AT THE ZOO 2017
OCTOBER 20-22, 2017

Boo at the Zoo is a Washington, D.C. favorite Halloween tradition. Children visit the National Zoo at dark and enjoy trick-or-treating, animal encounters, keeper talks, festive decorations, and haunted trails. Proceeds from Boo at the Zoo benefit the Zoo's conservation science and animal care programs. The Bird House, Small Mammal House, Reptile Discovery Center, Great Apes House, Think Tank and Kids' Farm, Great Cats and the Elephant Community Center will be open and filled with Halloween-themed enrichment for the animals. The event is geared to children ages 4 to 12. For more information and tickets, visit nationalzoo.si.edu/Boo/boo.cfm



LIFE IS MAGNIFIQUE... IN MONTREAL

FOCUS ON SOFITEL MONTREAL THE GOLDEN MILE

Located at the foot of lush Mount Royal Park and next to the renowned McGill University and Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Sofitel Montreal is a luxurious retreat in the heart of the historic Golden Square Mile. It is ideally located for business travelers as well as art lovers. Indulge your plate at the restaurant Renoir, relax in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the Bar and give it your all in the bright meeting spaces. In contemporary surroundings, embellished with Victorian accents inherited from the former estate of William Cornelius Van Horne, a North American railroad pioneer, you will be seduced by the hotel's quality of service and its French "Art de Vivre".

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CONCERTS & PERFORMANCE

CAPITAL ONE ARENA AND BEYOND

Just minutes away from the Sofitel is Washington D.C.'s prime entertainment venue, the Capital One Arena, situated in the heart of Gallery Place, Chinatown. Catch concerts and performances like **Tim McGraw** and **Faith Hill** or **Guns N' Roses**. If a night at the theatre is more your style, venture over to the Folger for **Anthony and Cleopatra** or Shakespeare Theatre Company for **Harold Pinter's The Lover and The Collection**. See our Concierge team for available tickets.

The KENNEDY CENTER - CENTER STAGE

The Kennedy Center annually hosts more than 2,000 performances for audiences totaling nearly two million. Now in its 45th season, the Center presents the greatest examples of music, dance and theater; supports artists in the creation of new work; and serves the nation as a leader in arts education. With its artistic affiliate, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Center's achievements as a commissioner, producer, and nurturer of developing artists have resulted in over 200 theatrical productions, dozens of new ballets, operas, and musical works.

- Mariinsky Ballet: *La Bayadère*
- Dvorák's Seventh Symphony / Steinbacher plays Brahms
- Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony / Ohlsson plays Barber
- Matthew Bourne's Production of *The Red Shoes*



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